

Amendment

1. Authorising software [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium,] for use on a computer, to protect other [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or an authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof ;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with an existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;]

said authorising software being for, when executed, 1) permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said computer ; 2) determining the existence of identity software in a memory means under control of said computer ;

said identity software being for use on [a] said [standard] computer to provide [identity] information of said rightful or authorised user ;

said [identity] information being essentially used [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible [, to be performed] ; and the existence of said identity software in a memory means under control of said computer is being determined without a said operation being performed by said remote computer ;

wherein use of said software desired to be protected on said computer will not be permitted if said identity software is determined as being not existing in a memory means under control of said computer [; and said authorising software and said identity software being computer software conforming to or compatible with said existing standard] .

7. Protection software [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium and being computer software conforming to or compatible with an existing standard,] for use on a computer, to protect purchased [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or an authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof ;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with said existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;]

said protection software comprising :

identity software for use on said computer to provide [identity] information of said rightful or authorised user ;

said [identity] information being essentially used [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible[, to be performed] ;

authorising software for, when executed, permitting use of said software desired to be protected, on said computer ;

Wherein [said identity software and] said authorising software are contained in said protection software in such a manner that said authorising software is prevented from being copied therefrom individually.

10. Authorising program [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium ,] for use on a computer, to protect other [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or an authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof ;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with an existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;]

said authorising program being for, when executed, permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said computer ;

wherein information [representative of an encryption algorithm for providing identity information] of said rightful or authorised user, exists in said authorising program and being accessible [by] to the user thereof [or, when said authorising program being executed, capable of being used by said authorising program to perform the corresponding encryption function which being user-usable] ;

said [identity] information being essentially used [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible [, to be performed ; and said authorising program being computer software conforming to or compatible with said existing standard] .

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12. Protection software [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium and being computer software conforming to or compatible with an existing standard,] for use on a computer, to protect other [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or an authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof ;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with said existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;]

said protection software comprising :

identity software for, with password protection against used by unauthorised user, providing [identity] information of said rightful or authorised user ;

said [identity] information being essentially used [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible [, to be performed] ;

authorising software for, when executed, permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said computer ;

wherein use of said software desired to be protected will not be permitted if [said protected identity software is not being caused to be usable by] a [predetermined] correct password [or non-machine generated password] not entered by user [; and said identity software is not being used to provide said identity information for to be authenticated by said remote computing means, in permitting use of said software desired to be protected] .

14. Authorising software [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium,] for use on a computer , to protect other [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof ;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with an existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof ;]

As per Sub C 21
said authorising software being for, when executed, 1) permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said computer ; 2) authenticating identity software existing in a memory means under control of said computer ;

said identity software being for use on [a] said [standard] computer to provide [identity] information of said rightful or authorised user ;

said [identity] information being essentially used [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible [, to be performed] ;

wherein use of said software desired to be protected will not be permitted if the result of said authentication of said identity software is not favourable [; and said authorising software and said identity software being computer software conforming to or compatible with said existing standard] .

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